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Milwaukee County Capital
Improvements Committee

Milwaukee County Commission for
Persons with Disabilities

Milwaukee Community Justice Council
Executive Committee
(Evidence Based Decision Making Policy Team)

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Milwaukee County Local Emergency
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Wisconsin Counties Association Board of Directors
(Immediate Past President)

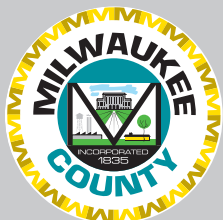
Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation
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Community Insurance Corporation
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National Forum for Black Public Administrators

Economics Wisconsin Board of Directors



Dear Neighbors,

FALL 2015

This past year the County Board has worked incredibly hard to push for programs and initiatives that enhance Milwaukee County. While we faced some obstacles, we have managed to pass some incredible legislation that uplifts those most in need.

I have focused my efforts on establishing partnerships within government that best ensure the interests of District 13 and the greater Milwaukee community. Among these are my work with the Wisconsin Counties Association, as well as state, county and local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise related agencies, which worked to strengthen our government and economy at the local level.

The Board has made some historic leaps to improve our quality of life by passing the Growing Opportunities (GO) Pass and the Sowing, Empowering and Eliminating Food Deserts (S.E.E.D.) program. Likewise, the Board has passed a few legislative actions that I have both sponsored and co-sponsored, including the Metro Milwaukee Foreclosure Mediation Program and the F.A.C.T. task force. I am proud of these great initiatives as they help to improve the lives of our most vulnerable populations.

It is important to note that my efforts at the Board would not be possible without you. As highlighted in this newsletter, there are so many individuals, organizations and community leaders working to make District 13 great!

I truly enjoy the opportunity to serve you and look forward to continuing to do so. I wish you and your family a great holiday season and as always, I look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely,

Willie Johnson, Jr.
Milwaukee County Supervisor
District 13



Supervisor Johnson addressing Board members about Milwaukee County's sale of public land.

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Supervisor Johnson, Jr. Receives 2015 Minority Business Champion Award



Supervisor Johnson with Eric Ness, SBA District Director and Rick Norris, Director of Milwaukee County Business Development Partners.

Earlier this year SBA Wisconsin honored Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr. with the 2015 Minority Business Champion award, a prestigious award dedicated to community leaders who work to ensure the interest of small businesses. Supervisor Johnson has worked on behalf of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises beginning in 1986 by helping small minority firms get certifications

with the Milwaukee Joint Certification program. His interest in assisting minority, women and small business firms continues today. Currently, he serves in multiple capacities, including his current position as chair for the WisDOT Region 5 DBE Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Supervisor Johnson recognizes the vital role small businesses play in our local economy and looks forward to continuing to advocate for them.



Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic, Willie Johnson, Jr., Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. and Supreme Moore Omokunde at the 2015 SBA breakfast.

Women's Rights - We Can Do It!

This year has been a great year for women's rights as the dialogue has been pushed to the forefront on a national level. However, as we strive for equal pay and breaking the glass ceiling, we must also strive to address the issues that affect underprivileged and vulnerable women. Likewise, we must not overlook less-talked about issues such as violence against women. This issue has



been a particular concern of Supervisor Johnson's, given recent research examining the time period from 1976-2005 by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, where upticks in domestic and intimate violence have been shown. So while it will take some effort to develop solutions at the local level, we can and must do it!

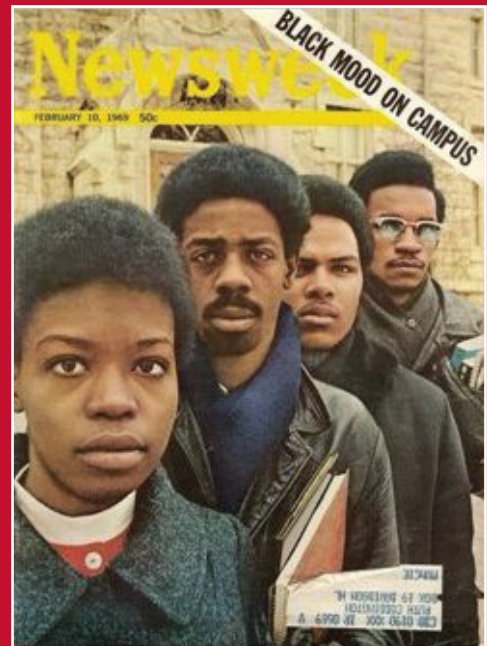
Board approves funding for Metro Milwaukee Foreclosure Program

This past June, the County Board approved a resolution proposed by Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr. and Supervisor Gerry Broderick to support the Metro Milwaukee Foreclosure Mediation Program (MMFMP). Supervisor Johnson helped to establish the MMFMP program in 2009 as a response to the 2009 foreclosure crisis in Milwaukee County. MMFMP allows qualifying homeowners facing foreclosure the opportunity to work with their mortgage company and a third-party mediator to explore options to either stay in their home or negotiate a respectable exit.

Since its inception, the program has helped over 600 Milwaukee County families to stay in their homes. Given the county was faced with 255 mortgage foreclosure actions filed in April 2015, it is evident such programs are needed. Supervisor Johnson looks forward to advocating for efforts that reduce foreclosures and increase resources for vulnerable homeowners.

#BlackLivesMatter

This past year the county has dedicated time to answering the concerns of our citizens in regard to issues concerning police brutality and the #BlacklivesMatters movement. In doing so, many Supervisors have taken bold stands to establish funding for police body cameras, training and initiatives aimed to strengthened police and community relations. All of our citizens deserve to be treated as though they belong. Moreover, as elected officials, we have the responsibility to ensure that they are.



The February 10, 1969 edition of 'Newsweek' featured Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr. on its cover third from front.

County Legislators Work to Reduce Parental Barriers Faced by Ex-Inmates



Earlier this year, Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr. worked with Board members to sponsor legislation creating the Milwaukee County Father Assisted Community Transition (F.A.C.T.) Task Force, to assist incarcerated fathers with their transition back into the community and into their children's lives. A 2013 National Public Radio study on Milwaukee incarceration rates found that since 1990, one-third of African-American men incarcerated showed only non-violent offenses. Likewise, 40% of those were incarcerated under mandatory drug sentencing laws. Given such research, the Board sought to address undue burdens plaguing ex-incarcerated fathers upon release.

In addition to this legislation, Milwaukee County recently received a \$10 million "New Pathways for Fathers and Families" Administration for Children and Families grant. County officials are incredibly proud of this federal grant as it will build upon and enhance similar projects the County has worked to secure. As dialogue and research on the effects of mass incarceration broadens, we look forward to addressing these concerns. Furthermore, we look forward to establishing programs that are in the best interests of the families and children of Milwaukee County.

Link: <http://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2013/04/24/178817911/wisconsin-locks-up-more-of-its-black-men-than-any-other-state-study-finds>



Supervisor Johnson and UW Cooperative Extension Dean Rick Klemme. Both have been key players in ensuring the funding of the UW Extension in Milwaukee County.



Supervisor Johnson and WCA staff member Keith Langenhahn pictured near the White House during the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference.

Growing our Community!



The Harambee Great Neighborhood Initiative (HGNI) has made great strides to enhance the community and culture of the historic Harambee area. Supervisor Johnson has worked to strengthen ties between HGNI and the Milwaukee County Parks Department which helped to establish the Friends of Rose Park. Friends of Rose Park have worked diligently to uplift the Harambee community through physical improvements and increased programs in the Rose Park area. More information can be found online at hgnimke.org



The late UW-Milwaukee professor and Martin Luther King Economic Development Corporation Executive Director, Welford Sanders, pictured in front of one of the many King Commons projects on Martin Luther King Drive. Supervisor Johnson honored Sanders and the late Sherman Hill, Executive Director of the Harambee Ombudsmen Project, for their community development work earlier this year.



This summer community members came together for the weeklong Skyline Musical Festival taking place in the great Riverwest area.



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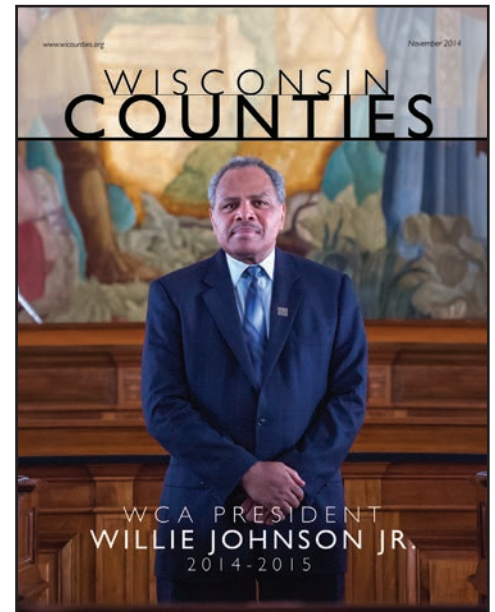
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Supervisor Johnson Wraps Up Successful Term as Wisconsin Counties Association President

This past year Supervisor Johnson had the honor of serving as 2014/2015 Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) president. Having served as County Supervisor for the past 15 years, Supervisor Johnson began getting involved with WCA in 2003 after finding many of their goals to be aligned with his own. Established in 1938, Wisconsin Counties Association seeks to work with the state in the formation of common sense and affordable public policies deserved by our citizens. Given that all challenges at the state level ultimately affect counties at the local level, WCA has established itself as the organization in which dialogue and cooperation can occur.

Throughout his tenure as both a board member and president of WCA, Supervisor Johnson has worked endlessly to encourage strong governmental and legislative relationships. As quoted in the November article published in WCA magazine, "Today, we no longer have the luxury of working just within our own family of counties. Collaboration and partnerships with other local governments are necessary to grow partnerships and reach mutual legislative goals and initiatives." While Supervisor Johnson wrapped up his term this past September, he still looks forward to ensuring Milwaukee County is a part of dialogue at the state level.



Above: Supervisor Johnson was featured in the November 2014 Wisconsin Counties Magazine.

Upper left: Supervisor Johnson gives his presidential address at the 2014 WCA Annual Conference.

Lower left: Supervisor Johnson with 2013/14 WCA President, Sauk County Board Chair Marty Krueger.